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5 DISTRICTS RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT

BOISE – The Idaho State Department of Education has awarded \$19,294 in federal grant funding to help five Idaho school districts purchase new technology equipment, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced today.

“This is a great opportunity for districts across the state to modernize the technology components utilized by school lunch facilities,” Superintendent Ybarra said.

The State of Idaho received funds to help districts purchase new technology components for use by food service departments who participate in the National School Lunch Program, administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The grants were awarded through a competitive application process. Districts with 50 percent or more students on free and reduced-price lunch received the highest priority. A selection committee also looked at the level of need, the age and condition of the school's current technology devices (including hardware and software), and other factors such as fund balances and compliance with USDA regulations.

With the funding, the districts will purchase items, such as laptops, desktop computers, scanners, printers, and software updates. Below is the list of Idaho districts awarded technology grants:

<u>District</u>	<u>Technology</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Castleford School District	Two laptops, two external 10-key pads, one printer/fax and a Mealtime cashier's license	\$3,636.00
Lake Pend Oreille School District	One laptop, one desktop computer, and Mealtime software (web based software upgrade which includes installation and training)	\$5,000.00
Salmon School District	Two laptops, two iPads with wireless barcode scanners and two printers	\$3,856.00
St. Maries School District	Five finger print scanners and student management software for free/reduced applications	\$3,570.00
St. Paul's Catholic School	All-in-one desktop computer, laptop computer, Access Point and software installation	\$3,232.00

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